

The Mint of the United States at San Francisco, Cal.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 19, 1879.

Hon A C Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D C
Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, and referring to mine of date the 24th ultimo, relative to the trouble with our Standard Dollar Dies, I beg to state that we have no serious difficulty with them, that is to say, our coins pile correctly, and in their execution compare favorably with those executed at the Carson Mint, and also those

recently received from the Philadelphia Mint. The reverse dies of 1879 have a slightly reduced diameter, and the body of the eagle is engraved a trifle deeper than those of 1878. This change takes a little metal from the obverse and prevents the lines of a portion of the hair on the obverse from showing quite as distinctly as one could wish, as it is impossible, without great danger to the presses, to give the pressure requisite to bring up the design perfectly; but the same defect, if it be one, is visible on the coins from both the Mints referred to.

Should you desire to examine our coins I shall be pleased to send you a sample.

Very respectfully,
Geo. L. Dodge
Supt.